



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
<http://board.co.la.ca.us/blc>**

**Wednesday, October 31, 2012**

**9:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-4973)

**Attachments:**    [AUDIO](#)  
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Present:            President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and  
                              Commissioner Shan Lee

Excused:           Secretary Sara Vasquez and Commissioner James Barger

**1.    Call to Order (12-4974)**

**In the absence of a quorum President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was waived by President Afriat.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

- Approval of Minutes from Meeting of October 10, 2012. (12-4975)
- 2.    This item was tabled for consideration after Item No. 3. Vice President Campbell joined the meeting at 9:08 a.m. constituting a quorum.**

**On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, duly carried by the following vote, this item was approved:**

**Ayes:    3 -    President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée  
                              Campbell and Commissioner Shan Lee**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 3.    Hearing on application for issuance of new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit from Sharon Gelman, Artists for a New South Africa, located at 2999 Overland Avenue, Suite 102, Los Angeles, CA 90064 in the Second District. (12-4979)**

President Afriat advised the applicant that due to the lack of a quorum, Commissioners would be acting as hearing officers until such time that a quorum is met. The applicant agreed to proceed with the hearing.

Sharon Gelman, representing Artists for a New South Africa explained that the organization was founded in 1989 by a group of members from the arts and entertainment community. The purpose of the organization was to raise funds for various causes and issues relating to voting rights and discrimination in both the U.S. and South Africa. The organization is currently focusing on supporting orphaned children affected by the HIV/AIDS virus and to date they have raised over \$9 million to support approximately 3,500 children. The organization works in collaboration with local South African health providers in areas greatly affected by the AIDS virus.

President Afriat thanked the organization for the great service provided to the South African community and questioned the handling of their financial operations. Ms. Gelman stated that the board makes most of the financial decisions and approves how money is distributed. Currently one member signature is required to sign checks under \$5,000 and two member signatures for amounts exceeding \$5,000.

Vice President Campbell joined the meeting and thanked the organization for their services.

Commissioner Lee asked how many individuals were employed by the organization. Ms. Gelman stated that the organization has two employees.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell, the Commission approved the issuance of a new Information Card.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell, the Commission received the Notice of Intention to Solicit.

**Ayes:** 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Commissioner Shan Lee

Attachments:

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4. Hearing on application for issuance of new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit from Debra L. Bradford, A.A.Y. Foundation Inc., located at 2061 Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90018 in the Second District (12-4980)

**Debra Bradford, representing A.A.Y Foundation explained that the Foundation works in collaboration with the courts, Probation Department, law enforcement agencies, youth and the homeless to provide court ordered community service such as graffiti removal, street maintenance, clerical, lawn and garden care and painting of buildings. Ms. Bradford introduced Founder, John Oliver; Mr. Oliver indicated that their goal is to raise enough money to continue to provide their community service programs as well as food and shelter for the homeless. The Foundation is also interested in purchasing a building with other community leaders whom are interested in joining the board; the building would serve as a shelter for parolee women and their children.**

**Vice President Campbell questioned their financial operations. Mr. Oliver stated that they do not have a bank account and only one signer is required to sign checks however because of his age he intends for other members to assume responsibility over the Foundation.**

**On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat, the Commission approved the issuance of a new Information Card.**

**On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat, the Commission received the Notice of Intention to Solicit.**

**Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Commissioner Shan Lee**

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**III. REPORT**

5. Commissioners' Comments. (12-4976)

**President Afriat advised Commissioners that they would be temporarily displaced from their office space for the next 4-6 months however the Executive Conference Room 383 would be available for their use before each meeting.**

**The Commission reviewed the calendar for November 2012. The Commission agreed to cancel the following meetings:**

**November 7, 2012**

**November 21, 2012**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2012.**

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS****Public Comment**

6. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-4977)

**No members of the public addressed the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

7. Adjournment for the meeting of October 31, 2012. (12-4978)

**The Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.**